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## House Resolution

No. 5

### Introduced by Assembly Member Cristina Garcia

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House Resolution No. 5—Relative to Mexico and human rights.

- 1 WHEREAS, On September 26, 2014, 43 college students from
- 2 the Ayotzinapa Normal School in Guerrero, Mexico, disappeared
- 3 in Iguala, Mexico; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mexico's Attorney General, Jesús Murillo Karam,
- 5 announced in a televised press conference on November 7, 2014,
- 6 that the evidence indicates the 43 missing students had been
- 7 executed and incinerated in the municipal dump of Cocula, Mexico,
- 8 by the Guerreros Unidos cartel at the behest of corrupt officials;
- 9 and

1 WHEREAS, It has been estimated that 25,000 to 26,000 people  
2 have disappeared in Mexico since 2006; and

3 WHEREAS, The disappeared often include the very vulnerable,  
4 such as poor migrants, indigenous people, and women and children;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The director of the American division of Human  
7 Rights Watch, José Manuel Vivanco, described the murders in  
8 Iguala, Mexico, and an earlier massacre in Tlatlaya, Mexico, as  
9 “the worst atrocities we’ve seen in Mexico in years, but they are  
10 hardly isolated incidents”; and

11 WHEREAS, There has been an international outcry regarding  
12 the deaths of the missing students in Mexico from, among others,  
13 the United Nations, the Parliament of the United Kingdom, the  
14 European Parliament, and the international human rights  
15 community; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the  
17 Assembly adds its voice to those in the international community  
18 condemning the disappearance and deaths of the missing college  
19 students from Mexico as a violation of human rights, of which the  
20 government of Mexico has yet to even acknowledge, and offers  
21 its support to all those in Mexico standing up for human rights and  
22 justice against corruption and violence; and be it further

23 *Resolved,* That the Assembly urges the government of Mexico  
24 to support further dialogue between the international community,  
25 including the United States, and human rights organizations on  
26 human rights reforms; and be it further

27 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
28 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.